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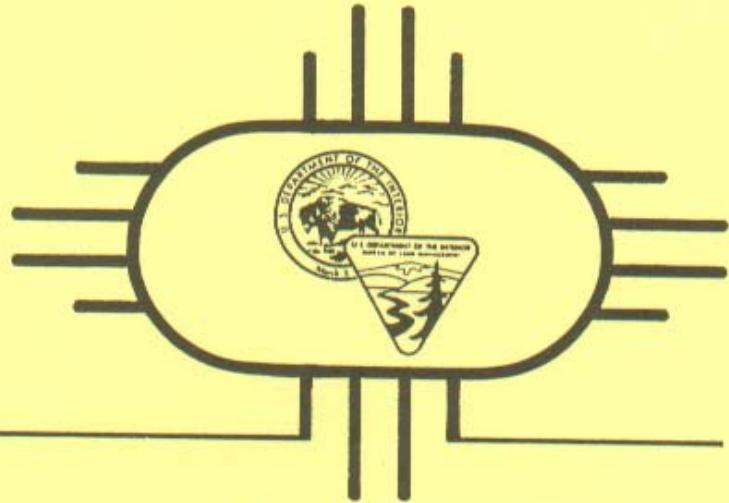
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Reader's Guide



Horse Mountain WSA

The Socorro Resource Management Plan (RMP) represents the work of many Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees and members of the public over the past three years. The intent is to provide general management direction for public lands in the Socorro Resource Area (SRA) over the next 20 years and guide all land and resource actions to achieve plan decisions. The Record of Decision is available upon request at the Socorro Office of the BLM.

Section 1, Introduction

Provides background information on the planning area, the planning process, the planning issues, public involvement, and consistency with other plans.

Section 2, Management Program

Describes the management philosophy for administering public lands in the SRA and identifies the planning decisions. Each resource program is then profiled through a written program objective, description of the program, and land-use allocations, if applicable.

Section 3, Plan Implementation and Monitoring

Describes the procedure through which the RMP will be implemented and monitored to track decision implementation.

Section 4, Plan Maintenance and Evaluation

Describes how the RMP will be managed to extend its usefulness by updating the text with new information. Procedures are also identified for evaluating how effective plan implementation is in accomplishing plan decisions. Forms are included in this section to be used in facilitating the tracking process.

Section 5. Special Management Areas (SMAs)/Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Identifies unique areas designated through planning. Each narrative provides a description of the SMA, primary management goals and management actions as well as a corresponding location map. Some SMAs are specifically not shown due to the sensitive nature of resource values in the area.

APPENDICES

- A - Identifies the steps necessary in order to implement the Socorro RMP.
- B - Denotes the Bureau mineral resources policy and fluid leasing procedures.
- C - Summarizes the allotment categorization process, and identifies preference, wildlife animal unit months (AUMs), and management categories for each allotment.
- D - Outlines the Access Analysis Methodology.
- E - Identifies the visual resource management (VRM) class ratings and the management and contrast rating objectives for the VRM classes.
- F - Outlines the Federal coal lands review process.
- G - Outlines the Lands and Minerals Disposal Policy.